

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India would be a Super Power in the field of Information Technology by the year 2002;
- (b) if so, whether the Centre and the States are aware of the enormity of job before them to make India an IT Super Power by 2002;
- (c) whether the visit of Microsoft Chief Bill Gates has provided some impetus to the facts mentioned above; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): Government and Industry are acutely aware of the need to maintain a high rate of growth in the Information Technology Sector. With this end in view, a National Task Force on Information Technology and Software Development was constituted. The report of the Task Force contains an action plan for the future growth of the IT Industry and envisages software export target of US\$ 50 billion by the year 2008.

(c) and (d): Bill Gates' visit to India provided considerable encouragement to the IT Industry. His declaration that India was already a Software Super Power was greeted with wide acclaim. His acknowledgement of our significant position in providing software services generated an enthusiastic response from the IT Sector.